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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Re : S/N 10/710,424 filed 07/09/2004

Attached please find our Response Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.111 dated January 13, 2005.
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Thank you.

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Serial No.: 10/710,424 Group Art Unit: 3611

Filed: 07/09/04 EXAMINER: Hurley, Kevin

For: "AUTOMOTIVE BUMPER WITH INTEGRAL HITCH COVER"

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RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. 1.111

Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated October 13, 2004, and having a shortened statutory period for response running to and including January 13, 2005, Applicants respond as follows: